

Examiner's Amendment

1. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions by unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such amendment, it must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas H. Reger II (Reg. No. 47,892) on December 15, 2008.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1 and 5-7 have been replaced with the following amended claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~tangible~~ computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program for selecting a renderer, the computer program operable when executed to:

receive a client identifier string that identifies a client;

compare the client identifier string with each of one or more client templates, each client template being associated with a renderer in a plurality of renderers;

generate a score for each comparison, the score reflecting the similarity between the client identifier string and the client template, wherein each score is generated by computing a number of matching characters in the client template divided by a number of characters in the client identifier string, wherein the score is one of at least three different possible scores τ , $\underline{\tau}$ and

select, based on the highest generated score, a renderer from the plurality of renderers for use in communication with the client.

5. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 1, wherein the renderer is selected based on the first generated score that meets or exceeds a minimum score.

6. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 1, wherein the renderer is selected based on the first generated score that meets the maximum score.

7. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 1, wherein the client identifier string is a user agent identifier that identifies a Web browser running on the client.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohamed Wasel whose telephone number is (571) 272-2669. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (8:00 am - 5:00 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached on (571) 272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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